

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be reexamined.

Claims 1-9 and 11-23 are pending in this application. The Office Action mailed February 14, 2008 (hereinafter "Office Action"), rejected Claims 1, 2, 11, 13-115, 20, 22, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0125736, to Ferri et al. (hereinafter "Ferri et al."). Claims 3-9, 12, 16-19, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Ferri et al. While applicants respectfully disagree, in order to advance the prosecution of the current application independent Claims 1, 13, and 23 have been amended, and Claims 3-5 have been canceled.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and for the reasons set forth below, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. Prior to discussing in detail why applicants believe that all the claims in this application are allowable, a brief description of the disclosed subject matter and brief descriptions of the teachings of the cited and applied references are provided. The following descriptions of the disclosed subject matter and the cited and applied references are not provided to define the scope or interpretation of any of the claims of this application. Instead, these descriptions are provided solely to assist the United States Patent and Trademark Office in recognizing the differences between the pending claims and the cited references, and should not be construed as limiting on the disclosed subject matter.

Disclosed Subject Matter

A method and system that renders a graphical user interface including at least one viewable graphical element, the graphical element having a filename associated therewith, the filename being absent from the user interface, is provided. In one exemplary form, the method comprises: reviewing a data associated with a filename and a format of the filename, the filename having an associated icon; determining if a filename is not to be displayed based on the review; and congregating icons without displayable filenames in at least one row. The

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determination results in a file name not being displayed with the graphical element when the graphical element is rendered if data associated with a component of the file name is determined to be image data or multimedia data. The number of icons congregated in the at least one row is greater than a comparable row with icons having filenames being displayed, by, for example, aligning graphic elements without displayable filenames more closely with surrounding graphical elements by reducing the space therebetween.

Summary of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0125736 – Ferri et al.

Ferri et al. purportedly describes a method of organizing icons on a desktop into groups and displaying the icon groups in segments on the desktop. More specifically, Ferri et al. describes a Configuration Program (CP), an Icon Grouping Program (IGP), and an Icon Organization Program (IOP). The CP allows a user to define at least one segment on the desktop. The user defines the segment location, the segment size, the types of icons associated with the segment, the icon organization within the segment, and whether the segment covers the desktop wallpaper. The IGP analyzes the icons and places the icons into the proper segments based on the type of application associated with the icon. The IOP organizes the icons within each segment using the icon organization specified by the user in the CP. The IOP also organizes new icons as they are added to the desktop.

While describing a method of organizing icons on a desktop into groups, Ferri et al. fails to teach, disclose, or suggest determining for each graphical element of the plurality of graphical elements if a filename is or is not to be displayed with the graphical element when the graphical element is rendered, the determination being based on the type of object that the graphical element represents, the determination resulting in a filename not displayed with the graphical element when the graphical element is rendered if the data associated with a component of the filename is determined to be image data or multimedia data.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 11, 13-15, 20, 22, and 23 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

As indicated above, Claims 1, 2, 11, 13-15, 20, 22, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ferri et al.

Claim 1, as amended, reads as follows:

1. A method for reducing the amount of space occupied by a plurality of graphical elements including at least one graphical element having a filename when the plurality of graphical elements is rendered on a graphical user interface, comprising:

determining for each graphical element of the plurality of graphical elements if a filename is or is not to be displayed with the graphical element when the graphical element is rendered, the determination being based on the type of object that the graphical element represents, **the determination resulting in a filename not being displayed with the graphical element when the graphical element is rendered if data associated with a component of the filename is determined to be image data or multimedia data;**

for each graphical element of the plurality of graphical elements whose filename is to be displayed with the graphical element when the graphical element is rendered, rendering the graphical element and the filename on the graphical user interface; and

for each graphical element of the plurality of graphical elements whose filename is not to be displayed with the graphical element when the graphical element is rendered, adjusting the alignment of the plurality of graphical elements on the graphical user interface to reduce the amount of space occupied by the plurality of graphical elements and rendering the graphic element, but not the filename, on the graphical user interface, adjusting the alignment of the plurality of graphical elements on the graphical user interface including aligning a graphic element more closely with surrounding graphical elements by reducing the space therebetween. (Emphasis added.)

Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Ferri et al. Initially, applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action that Ferri et al. teaches the "determining for each graphical element of the plurality of graphical elements if a filename is or is not to be displayed with the graphical element when the graphical element is rendered, the determination being based on the type of object that the graphical element represents" recitation

of Claim 1. With regard to this recitation, the Office Action references Figure 7 and paragraph [0041] of Ferri et al., which states:

Desktop 600 comprises four segments: top segment 602, bottom segment 604, left segment 606, and right segment 608. Top segment 602 contains icons which are organized in the smallest possible icon organization.

The Office Action points out that the icons in segment 602 do not have filenames displayed. The Office Action further refers to paragraph [0010] of Ferri et al., which states: "the IGP analyzes the icons and places the icons into the proper segments based on the type of application associated with the icon."

Applicants submit that the referenced text does not in any way anticipate the above recitation of Claim 1. The text of paragraph [0041] of Ferri et al. describes the organization of the icons based on their size, while the text of paragraph [0010] describes the placement of the icons into the proper segments based on the type of the application. However, neither part of the referenced text describes determining whether a filename is or is not to be displayed with the graphical element based on the type of object that the graphical element represents, as Claim 1 recites. Indeed, displaying a filename is not even mentioned in the referenced text or elsewhere in Ferri et al. Therefore, the above recitation of Claim 1 is not anticipated by Ferri et al.

In order to further distinguish Claim 1 from Ferri et al., applicants have amended Claim 1 to include:

the determination resulting in a filename not being displayed with the graphical element when the graphical element is rendered if data associated with a component of the filename is determined to be image data or multimedia data.

Applicants submit that Ferri et al. does not disclose, teach or even remotely suggest the above recitation.

As a result, applicants submit that Claim 1, as amended, is clearly not anticipated by Ferri et al. for at least the reasons set forth above. Because Claims 2 and 11 depend from Claim 1, they are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1.

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Claim 13 has been amended with the subject matter similar to the foregoing amendment to Claim 1, albeit in a slightly different form. As a result, Claim 13 is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1. Because Claims 14, 15 and 20 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 13, they are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 13.

Because Claim 22 recites an article of manufacture with substantially the same limitations as Claim 1, it is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1.

Because Claim 23, as amended, recites a method with substantially the same distinguishing limitations as those described above with respect to Claim 1, Claim 23 is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1.

Rejection of Claims 3-9, 12, 16-19, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

As indicated above, Claims 3-9, 12, 16-19, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Ferri et al. Applicants respectfully disagree.

In regard to former Claim 3, which has been canceled and whose subject matter has been added to Claim 1, the Office Action asserts that Ferri et al. "teaches that determining if a filename is or is not to be displayed with a graphical element on the graphical user interface is based upon a type of data associated with a component of the filename." The Office Action quotes paragraph [0035] of Ferri et al., which states "in analyzing the icon, IGP 200 determines what type of application the icon is associated with." The Office Action further states that persons of ordinary skill in the art are aware of how to determine what type of application an icon is associated with.

However, the gist of former Claim 3's recitation was not to determine what type of application an icon is associated with, but whether a filename is or is not to be displayed with a graphical element on the graphical user interface, wherein this determination is based upon a type of data associated with a filename. Therefore, paragraph [0035] of Ferri et al. describes an

entirely different type of determination than the one recited in former Claim 3 and now added to Claim 1.

The Office Action makes a similar argument regarding Claims 4-9. For example, regarding Claim 6, the Office Action asserts that Ferri et al. teaches that determining if the filename is or is not to be displayed on the graphical user interface is based upon an attribute of the filename, referencing the same paragraph [0035]. Even if applicants agree that it is known how to determine with what type of an application an icon is associated, this is not the type of determination that is recited in Claim 6. Indeed, Claim 6 is directed towards determining whether the filename is or is not to be displayed based upon an attribute of the filename.

Because Claims 6-9 and 12 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1, and for the reasons described above, and because Claim 1 is submitted to be allowable over Ferri et al., Claims 6-9 and 12 are also submitted to be allowable.

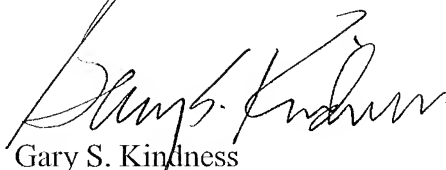
Since Claims 3-5 have been canceled, their rejection has been rendered moot. Because Claims 16-19 and 21 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 13, and because Claim 13 is submitted to be allowable over Ferri et al., Claims 16-19 and 21 are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 13.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that all of the remaining claims in this application are allowable. Consequently, early and favorable action passing this application to issue are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any remaining questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney at the number set forth below.

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